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## STORY OF SPOKANE FREE SPEECH FIGHT

Since last week's synopsis of the Spokane fight was written C. L. Filigno came up for a preliminary legal decision before Judge Webb of the superior court. He was to decide whether the state legislature referred to the holding of city ordinances when they passed a state conspiracy law, also whether the street speaking ordinances were constitutional. Needless to remark, the decision was against Fellow Worker Filigno holding him for further trial, and it was accompanied by an hour and a half of judicial sophistry and vituperation. The I. W. W. and their organized effort to overthrow "constitution" (?) authority were likened to prostitutes and the wretches who live on their earnings, characterized as undesirable citizens, etc. This judge is considered by lawyers and the public at large as the fairest man on the bench in Spokane. Readers may well imagine what the others are like.

Following are some quotations from his decision: "Now the primary purpose for which the streets of a municipality are dedicated and utilized is manifested for the purpose of travel and traffic and intercourse and for the purpose of moving from one place to another; that is the primary purpose for which streets are dedicated. It is true that there may be secondary purposes entirely legitimate."

"The purpose of this ordinance was to protect the gathering of large crowds in the streets of this city in the portion of the city where its business is congested, where this mass proper is situated and that particular use of property especially demanding the protection of the fire department; and the purpose of the ordinance is to keep the streets reasonably free so that the fire apparatus may move from one portion to another without delay."

"I can see any constitutional question presented in it because I know of no constitutional right it involves."

"If it is possible for a large number of men to come and by force and numbers compel public officers to desist in their efforts to enforce the law it would be possible for a perfectly valid law to remain dormant because of the inability of the officers to enforce it. If it should be determined by a large number of prostitutes and whomongers throughout the State of Washington and the United States that the police of the state of Washington against dealing with prostitutes is unconstitutional, therefore they should flock to this city to live together in such numbers as to render it impossible for the authorities to treat them, then I would be that would be to make every unconstitutional law or every unconstitutional ordinance but an invitation to come and do the very things sought to be prevented, and it is inconceivable that any such reason as that should uphold the court."

"In accordance with the principles of our institutions there is no reason to recognize the right of a large number of men in this city, a lot of undesirable men, who attempt by a direct attack upon the law to govern by the rule of anarchy rather than of established authority."

"The right of free speech is a sacred one, guaranteed to the citizens of this state by the constitution of the state. Like every other right of citizens of the state of Washington it must be understood in view of the limitations and restrictions placed upon it. When that right is used to the extent that it concerns others that a limitation placed upon it. The right of free speech doesn't mean the right of any person at any time and under any circumstances to speak; the right of free speech pre-supposes the fact that a person is in the place where he has a right to be for that purpose."

On Monday, December 20th, a bundle of the present week's issue of the "Industrial Worker" arrived by express. A half dozen fellow workers took them on the streets for sale and were promptly arrested. The day before the kitchen of the I. W. W. hall was abolished and meal tickets issued on a nearby restaurant instead. Captain Burns of the Spokane detective force and warned the men that if they ran that "soup kitchen" it would be forcibly closed, saying, however, "We have no objections to a union headquarters." Kind of them, wasn't it? The I. W. W. decided that their hall was more important than the kitchen and voluntarily gave up the latter but the police might have no pretense for the abolition of the hall. After the arrival of the Industrial Worker, Captain Burns and over thirty officers and plain clothes men raided the hall and drove out all the men there, clubbing and beating them when they didn't hustle quick enough out of their own premises. They had paid rent for the hall, stove, closets and drawers, smashed the furniture, helped themselves at the cigar stand and generally showed a respect for the property of others quite consistent with their complete disregard of every decency throughout this fight. Men who had served their time in jail



"THAT RIVER MUST SEAWARDS, DESPITE YOU."

## THE HOPE OF THE AGES

If you dam up the river of progress

At your peril and cost let it be!

That river must seawards despite you—

'Twill break down your dams and be free!

And we need not the pitiful barriers

That you in its way have downcast;

For your efforts but add to the torrent,

Whose flood must overwhelm you at last!

For our banner rais'd and unfurled;

At your head our defiance is hurled:

Our cry is the cry of the ages—

Our hope is the hope of the world!

We laugh in the face of the forces

That strengthen the flood they oppose!

For the harder oppression the fiercer

The current will be when it flows.

We shall win, and the tyrant's battalions

Will be scattered like chaff in the fight,

From which the true soldiers of freedom

Shall gather new courage and might!

Whether leading the van of the fighters

In the bitter stress of the strife,

Or patiently bearing the burden

Of changelessly common place life,

One hope we have ever before us,

One aim to attain and fulfill,

One watchword we cherish to mark us,

One kindred and brotherhood still!

What matter if failure on failure

Crowd closely upon us and press?

When a hundred have bravely been beaten,

The hundred and first wins success!

Our watchword is "Freedom"; new soldiers

Flock each day where our flag is unfurled,

Our cry is the cry of the ages,

Our hope is the hope of the world.

and others continually arriving in town to help win this fight have been turned on the street in this cold winter time without a place to sleep or food to eat except as provided by their organization. Spokane should be proud that during the holiday season of "Peace on earth, good will to men" (?) that free speech, free press and free assembly may be wrested from capitalist tyranny and oppression; yet was it not said of the very agitator whose birth they celebrate, "And the Son of Man had not a place to lay his head."

In the suppression of the Industrial Worker and the closing of the headquarters absolutely not legal action "on the civilized plane" has been taken. Chief Sullivan threatened to proceed at once under the criminal libel law and the disorderly house regulations, but he has not made good and doesn't need to. He had the might, he took the right.

"The mailed fist of the law," as Prosecuting Attorney Pugh gleefully characterizes it, has descended with a heavy blow upon the rights of the toilers. Seven thousand copies of the Industrial Worker were destroyed and some of the working class in Spokane are beginning to wonder why they haven't just as much right to invade the office of the Spokesman-Review and destroy seven thousand copies of that lying sheet. Spokane wouldn't lose much, either by the destruction of the Industrial Worker or by the destruction of the Spokesman-Review. Two propaganda meetings were held this week in the Turner hall, which was rented in the name of individuals, but the Big Chief got busy and instructed the caretaker not to rent it to us again. The caretaker must refer it to the Turner Society, which will not meet until after New Year's, so we are deprived of a hall for this week at least, if not for all time. Hall after hall has been tried, exorbitant rents have been offered, always resulting in the same curt refusal, yet there are still idiots in Spokane who chirp "Why don't they hire a hall if they want to talk?"

The case of Fellow Worker Frank Reed, also the cases of some twenty other fellow workers, are still pending and untried. Some men have been held from a month to six weeks without trial, not even a pretense of a preliminary hearing. The judges and prosecuting attorney's staff had of course to relax their hard labors (?) during the Christmas holidays while working men with their liberty at stake are left lying in jail day after day.

The Socialist party have come under the ban of the police department for allowing a representative of the Industrial Workers to speak on unionism in their hall. They have been holding meetings in the Oliver hall for over six years but on Sunday, December 26th, after an enthusiastic meeting they were notified that they would have to look for another headquarters. Of course the police department and Chamber of Commerce take no open action in depriving us of meeting places, but one may say of them as Kipling in his poem, "Cleared": "They never told the ramping crowd to card a woman's hide."

They never marked a man for death—what fault of theirs he died? They only said "Intimidate," and talked and went away—

By God, the boys that did the work were braver men than they!"

The kind of education that is being drilled into the children of the working class by the teachers in the public schools of Spokane can be well judged from the following incident: Little Joseph Thompson, son of Organizer Jas. P. Thompson, who is now serving six months for "criminal conspiracy," has recently started to school. He has been taunted and abused by his school mates as an anarchist, his father called a jail bird and has undergone physical beatings as well. Yet the teachers and heads of the school have done absolutely nothing to prevent the outrage or educate the children to a better understanding of the real fight. Probably the reason is that most of the teachers are themselves as ignorant and prejudiced as the children.

More men are going to jail every day. Readers must not suppose that the prisoners are being better treated at present than they were at the beginning of the fight, such is not the case. We have described the brutality so much that repetition becomes wearisome, but the sweat box, the ice cold cells, the baths of cold and hot streams, the squad of six or eight of policemen-sluggers through which men must run the gauntlet after being booked and before being put in the sweat box, the dieting on bread and water and all the other inhuman and horrible conditions are just as much in evidence. Bill Shannon is still on the police force and the Tolstoid doctrine of "non-resistance" hasn't penetrated his cranium yet. Every day brings the release of prisoners in a most pitiful condition, starved, beaten and frozen till many are too weak to walk and fellow workers have to carry them out and away to food and shelter. If readers of the "Industrial Worker" are keen on sympathy and moral support the writer wants to bring home to you the urgent necessity of converting it into financial aid. The legal defense drags and is expensive, the men must be fed, the families of married men in jail provided for, the Industrial Worker assisted in its moving expenses and it may be up to us to build a temporary headquarters. Contributions are welcome, large and small. If you give what you can afford to the spirit behind it as well as the amount. Send all contributions to Fred W. Heselwood, Box 395, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Do it now! "Act in the living present," and the victory is ours.

SPOKANE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SPOKANE OFFICIALS SHAME BLOODY THUGS OF RUSSIA

In their desperate effort to destroy the right of free press, free speech and peaceable as-

## NEWS FROM WITHIN BY A GRADUATE

Chief Sluggo Sullivan of the Spokane law and order (?) force undoubtedly considered me a harmless, servile creature, whipped into submission; on a bread and water diet for 34 days, behind bars of steel, tantalized, tortured covered with vermin and slugged by dupes and accomplices the (Spokane Darwinian missing links) police force—for what crime? Talk on the streets. Is our constitution a farce? Some of us fought to uphold it in the last war. Suppose we ask the Cuban and Filippino to help us defend the constitution in Spokane? Was President Taft arrested for speaking on the street? No! Workingmen should be seen (making profit for capitalists), but not heard. It seems the constitution and laws were made in the interests of, and also to be interpreted by the capitalists.

The Roman empire fell by such high handed methods.

On November 13, near the corner of First and Howard streets, while addressing a crowd of citizens, J. C. Knust was accosted by Officer Logan and another plain clothes brute. Both grabbed him from behind, by shoulders, knocking his hat off, refusing to allow him to pick it up. Walking him a few paces and both slugging him in back of head, jerked, pushed and choked him all the way to police station, where they tried to shove his head into the booking window. Knust never resisted in the least and cautioned the so-called officers of the law "Not to use any violence."

Three days later I was arrested for street speaking and rejoiced at not getting Knust's treatment, but after being booked in the station I got mine from the inside slugging committee, led by Chief Sluggo Sullivan. Sullivan knocked me down by a blow on my nose and kicked in my side. Others got theirs as they were marched in. One fellow worker, Henry Duchel, got a broken jaw. He is at present in Fort Wright hospital. He received no treatment under the city physician and five days later the surgeon at Fort Wright demanded his having attention in the hospital. The sluggers placed us in our bruised and battered state, in the sweat box and bandaged our wounds with hot steam and sweat for twelve hours. We numbered 29 in the sweat box. This small dungeon is solid steel case about 7x9x8; no toilet. Can you picture the condition of this cell in twelve hours—the 29,000 miseries we suffered? Men fainted, vomited and groaned within this living hell. Many had to lie in the filth through weakness. One man was dragged out unconscious after hours of calling by his comrades for aid. We were packed like sardines. Next day 17 of us were taken out and placed in a filthy cell 7x6½x6-1-6, with little light, closed ventilators on warm days and open on freezing days and nights, no blankets nor hammocks; lice and vermin galore. We were never allowed to consult the attorneys, friends or relatives, nor allowed food, tobacco, soap nor towels, our clothing becoming covered with vermin indescribable. It is a wonder that we ever got out alive. The so-called city physician, who undoubtedly takes his orders from the inhuman chief of police, said: "he was in danger of losing his job if he even suggested different food, attention or medicine for us." DESPERATE prisoners. I consider Dr. Oshea an unprincipled individual to continue in the service of the city and not protect against such inhuman treatment. His medicine was salts, quinine, pills. Toothaches and broken heads got the same dose. Each cell contained running water and a filthy toilet. Only two seats in each cell, and those were always at a premium, the toilet and wash stand. Some members always had the pleasure of sitting and sleeping on them each night and day. Those that were lucky to be able to stretch out on the bottom of the pile of feet had such a load on him that he was continually fighting for the top.

The notorious hunger strike started Friday night, November 5, covering every department of the jail. Lawyer Crane, in the sweat box, refused to eat his rotten rations, blowing it from his mouth towards the jailer and throwing the plate outside. Lawyer Crane is a non-member of the I. W. W., but a free speech fighter. Mrs. Frenette in the ladies' ward got word of the hunger strike and she refused to eat. We went on a hunger strike because we considered slow starvation on stale bread worse

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# Our Fellow Workers, Preston and Smith, Are Still In Jail

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### Organize!

In unity there is strength.

The I. W. W. stands for a closed shop and a open union.

Send in your New Year greetings with a bunch of subs.

The receipt of a sample copy of this paper means that you are invited to subscribe.

King Leopold left his daughters only a million dollars apiece. Poor girls, it certainly must be hard to get along on such a pittance.

The people who sneer at the "floater" would last a long time without his labor in the lumber camps and harvest fields, wouldn't they?

REMEMBER THE NEW ADDRESS, P. O. BOX 1443, SEATTLE, WASH. SEND ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE "INDUSTRIAL WORKER" TO THIS ADDRESS.

"He hasn't a strong chin," said a Spokane club lady of an I. W. W. agitator. No, but he's got a strong backbone, and that's more than the educated scissorbills of Spokane have.

If you are a "skilled" workman, fortunate enough to afford a white collar, don't let that be the only thing about your head to recommend it. Gray matter that works inside is what counts.

"The value of labor," "the horny-handed sons of toil"—how often have the white-collared gentry peddled that idea to us. Notice how they holler when we take them at their word, demand our value and assert our importance?

The Christmas shopping of the workers was done with the employment shark. At all times crowds of men could be seen gathered around the job sign waiting for a chance to sell their labor power to the highest bidder.

Officer Dial testified to arresting Thompson and taking "him and the box to jail." The box is serving 30 days for being in such bad company. Will learn not to be a criminal conspirator next time. The poor misguided box!

"Now, can you compare a gardener with a high financier?" asked a lady at an I. W. W. meeting. Not guilty. Certainly not; there's no comparison. A gardener is a useful member of society while a high financier —

Did you ever see a jury of businessmen cringe before a prosecuting attorney who reminds them that to give the workers their rights will injure the business interests? No? Well, come to Spokane and see justice prostituted to dollars!

The "broad-cloth mob," the people who are so well educated they don't know anything, and so refined they won't learn, is the gang that deprives workers of their rights in Spokane. Serves you right, you slaves! Why don't you make them go to work?

It is an indisputable fact, and one which can be conclusively demonstrated, that the machinery of production and distribution, if systematized and managed with accord, eliminating all competition—which spells waste—to supply all the members of society with plenty of food, clothing and shelter at a moderate amount of labor.

A labor organization to correctly represent the working class must combine the workers in such a way that it can most successfully fight the battles and protect the interests of the working people in their struggles for shorter hours, more wages and better conditions of employment. It must offer a final solution of the labor problem, the emancipation of the working class from the chains of wage slavery.

Don't forget that it costs money to print a paper. If you think "The Worker" is useful in the agitation for shorter hours and better conditions of employment, help to keep it on a self-supporting basis by securing subs. If there are any features about the paper which you do not like, let us know. If there are any improvements which you think should be made, give us the benefit of your suggestions. But above everything, if you consider the paper worth circulating, hustle for subscriptions.

The press is the steam engine of moral power, which, directed by the spirit of the ages, will eventually crush imposture, superstition and tyranny. The liberty of the press is the true measure of all other liberty; for all freedom without this must be merely nominal; to stifle the nascent thought is a moral infanticide, a treason against human nature. What can a man call his own if his thought does not belong to him?—Chaffield.

It is a well known fact that employment agents divide their fees with contractors and foremen on jobs. Then, why not organize, and by controlling the supply of labor, force the employers to send to your union headquarters for men? The cost of yearly dues is not half of that paid by the average man for fees to employment sharks. Why do you hesitate? Is it because you fear the other fellow will not join the union? Organize yourself first, and the other fellow will be next in line.

When the workers once organize into a union such as the Industrial Workers of the World, not only will the employment shark be put on the bum, but the workers will be in a position to dictate to their masters the conditions under which they will labor.

Don't hesitate.

Remember the age worn truth, "United we stand, and divided we fall."

Join the union of your class.

Freedom does not depend upon the executive government, nor upon the administration of justice, nor upon any particular or distinct part, nor even upon forms, so much as it does the general freedom of speech and of writing. Speech ought to be completely free. The press ought to be completely free, when any man may write and print what he pleases, though he is liable to be punished if he abuses that freedom. This is perfect freedom. If it is necessary in regard to the press, it is still more so with regard to speech. I have never heard of any danger arising to a free state from the freedom of press or freedom of speech; so far from it I am perfectly clear that a free state cannot exist without both. It is not the law that is to be found in books that constitutes—that has constituted—the true principle of freedom in any country at any time. No, it is the energy, the boldness of a man's mind which prompts him to speak not in private, but in large and popular assemblies, that constitutes, that creates in a state the spirit of freedom. This is the principle that gives life to liberty; without it the human character is a stranger to freedom. As a tree that is injured at the root, with the bark taken off the branches may live for awhile and some sort of blossom may still remain, but it will soon wither, decay and perish, so take away the freedom of speech or of writing, and the foundation of all freedom is gone. You will then fall and be degraded and despised by all the world for your weakness and your folly in not having taken care of that which conducted you to all your fame, your greatness, your opulence and prosperity.—C. J. Fox (1795).

### THE SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE.

Another illustration of the utility of craft division has been afforded us in the Switchmen's strike. Although the membership composing the Switchmen's Union are among the most active and progressive of the railroad labor organizations, and are making a great fight, still the outcome of the struggle can be safely predicted. It is mainly through the refusal of the other railroad organizations, especially the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, whose membership is composed largely of switchmen, to come to the aid of the striking switchmen. Bound by these little "sacred" contracts the membership composing the other railway organizations have stayed at work, thereby helping to defeat the switchmen in their struggle with the employers.

It would seem that the membership composing the American Federation of Labor would learn from experience. Having witnessed their brothers in other craft unions go down to defeat time after time again, ought to sufficiently illustrate to all those interested in organized labor the futility of craft strikes and the necessity of perfecting a new form of organization, able to combat with the employers.

In the present strike the division goes farther than the division into crafts, as there are two rival organizations in the same craft, the Switchmen's Union of North America and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Could anything be more pleasing to Hill and the other railway magnates than to witness the membership of one union composed largely of switchmen stay at work, while the membership of another union of switchmen are out on strike? This is even more satisfactory to the corporations than craft divisions, as we here witness two different unions of the same craft helping to defeat one another. Organized capital has nothing to fear from organized labor as long as it can keep the workers fighting among themselves.

Such is the strike condition on the Northwest roads, where the members of the Switchmen's Union are out on strike, while the membership of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen remain at work. Some months ago in Texas the members of the B. R. T. were out on strike while the members of the S. U. remained at work.

It is like the old fable of the fox encouraging the two roosters to fight one another until they were exhausted and then devouring them both. It is the same with the corporations, who sit by and watch the workers fight one another, and when they are exhausted dictate to them the terms under which they must work.

In the present strike we also witness the members of the other railway organizations, such as the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, Brotherhood of Firemen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brakemen, Telegraphers and the numerous other crafts employed in the railway service remaining at work, running trains over switches turned by scabs, giving orders to scabs, and in every other way helping to defeat their brothers who are out on strike. This is what is known as craft scabbery, where the members of one craft work along with scabs, thereby helping the scabs to break the strike. We also witnessed in the present strike the office help turning out and scabbing on the switchmen. Could anything be more discouraging than these methods of one set of workers helping to defeat one another in wage wars? Where is organized labor's motto, "In union there is strength?"

Let the workers organize industrially and in times of wage wars every man in the same industry, recognizing that "An injury to One is the Concern of All," quit work whenever a strike or lockout is on, and see what the outcome would be! An industrial organization with the combined membership composing the Railroad Brotherhoods and other crafts employed in the transportation industry would be a force, once the workers became conscious of their class interests, to make the capitalists quake in their breeches.

### THE FLOATER.

The respectable Spokesman of the Inland Empire sneers at the "floater." / Bum, tramp, loafer are some of the highly refined terms applied to him. What is the floater? Primarily the man who works at the source of supply of all industry—the man who handles the raw product.

The lumber-jack is a floater, yet without him fuel, homes, furniture, etc., would be impossible in the Inland Empire.

The farm-hand, the harvest-hand, is a floater, yet the red apples of the Inland Empire would be wild crab-apples but for his labor; the sixty million bushels of wheat would not be a proud "accomplishment" of the employing farmers in the Inland Empire.

The miners are floaters to a large extent. It is the "hobo nined" that fought all the great battles of the Cœur d'Alenes and Colorado; yet without the miner all up-to-date, splendidly productive systems of machinery would be impossible.

The men who work in producing raw material for food, raw material for shelter, raw material for all the machinery to further mold these raw products into articles of use and luxury, are "horny-handed sons of toil" to whom the politicians preach the "dignity of labor" as long as they are contented with a meager existence.

The man who is satisfied with dirty bunkhouses, a new pair of overalls once a year, adulterated, poisonous food and general all-around hard work, filth and squalor, is a "patriotic American citizen, a credit to his country"—to hear the ink-slingers rant.

This same man, when he wants a decent home, good clothes, clean healthy food and security for the future, is a "bum," a "hobo," and an undesirable citizen.

He works hard and long, yet he must live cheap and low.

He is beginning to realize the injustice of such a system.

The floater will yet demonstrate his real place in industry, its vital importance, the effect it has on the prosperity of this Northwest country, by shutting off the wood and food supply of the United States.

The broad-cloth mob that live on the labor of others will be seriously impressed by the dignity of labor when the others refuse to work for him any longer.

You "floaters" are the basis of the world's wealth. Organize to use your power. Compel respect and concessions by organized, intelligent, direct action.

### THE I. W. W. PREAMBLE.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers, in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wages for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

Knowing, therefore, that such an organization is absolutely necessary for our emancipation we unite under the following constitution.

### WHAT THE I. W. W. STANDS FOR.

A union man in one industry, a union man always in all industries. Universal transfer.

Universal label.

An open union and a closed shop.

An injury to one is an injury to all. Labor is entitled to all it produces.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT UNSPEAKABLE SPOKANE

The constitution says: "Congress shall make no law abridging freedom of speech or of the press." Is the city of Spokane clothed with authority to do that which the highest law-making body of this nation is expressly forbidden to do? Shall the City Council of Spokane prescribe certain limits where the exercise of the constitutional right of free speech shall be a crime, punishable by arrest, fine, imprisonment and insufficient food? Men and women are accused (AND CONVICTED) OF CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY FOR TESTING THE VALEDITY OF AN ORDINANCE THAT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND UNLAWFUL. So meekly have they submitted that they have won the admission from their jailers that they are MODEL PRISONERS AND GENTLEMEN. The following clipping is reproduced from the Spokane Chronicle, which paper no one would accuse of heaping unearned laurels on the heads of the I. W. W. leaders.—Spokane Chronicle Dec. 14.

This admission is certainly a fine testimonial to the character and self-control of the men who are serving six months' sentences on the chain gang in the city of Spokane. Because they had the moral courage to call the attention of the world to Spokane as one place where freedom of speech is denied to the poor who gladly submit to jail sentences, clubs and starvation for the cause of human freedom, they have seen the light that even now illuminates the mountain peaks of Freedom and of song and no amount of calumny, vituperation, abuse, jails, clubs and starvation can prevent them from spreading "the kind tidings of great joy." They are charged by the capitalist press with being poor, ignorant, foreigners and SOCIALISTS. So formidable has the specter of Socialism become that naturalization papers are refused to men that recognize the red flag as the emblem of human brotherhood or admit having enough intelligence to rebel against an economic system that rewards industry with average yearly incomes of \$500 and idleness and cunning with title deeds to the earth, and the fullness thereof.

If being poor is a crime the vast majority of us are criminals, for poverty is the portion of the workers. However, just for a point of information, we would like to know just when free speech became the special prerogative of the rich and cultured class?

If only those holding diplomas from some accredited institution of learning are to be allowed to speak we shall have a very quiet time, for with all our boasted civilization, Freedom and free schools, we are not all able to express our thoughts in elegant language, and about the only institution in which the majority of us take a post graduate course is the school of hard knocks. However, we do know that if the city council of Spokane can prescribe certain limits where it is a criminal offense for the poor to discuss those questions which vitally concern every citizen of a republic, other city councils could do the same, and the limit could be extended until the only place where those holding different views on economics and politics from the governing class would be allowed to exercise the right of free speech would be where there was no possibility of their obtaining an audience. The eyes of the world are on Spokane, if they can deprive the people of those rights guaranteed by the constitution; if they can pass ordinances depriving the poor and lowly of the right of free speech, then indeed is liberty a myth and freedom an iridescent dream.

Spokane has kindled the watch fire that will be a beacon light to all mankind. All attempts to suppress the rising tide of industrial unionism and socialism by the argument of the disciples of unreason—clubs, jails and starvation—will result in the failure they so richly merit. The income from the bruised and battered flower of Freedom fills the nostrils of the workers.

"Who through long days of labor  
And nights devoid of ease  
Still hear in their hearts the music  
Of wondrous melodies."

For every man and woman jailed in Spokane a score of workers on the outside are awakened from the hypnotic sleep of Freedom and prosperity by suggestion, and they gladly fill up the ranks on the onward march of progress.

Lovely was murdered and his paper confiscated, but the cause for which Loveloy labored went marching on to victory. In spite of jails, clubs and starvation the people will go on triumphantly to the goal—where ignorance and poverty will not be the reward of industry; where to be a useful member of society will not be penalized by the badge of inferiority and misery. Patiently and with an abiding faith in the future, the campaign of education will go on in order that the INEVITABLE CHANGE from things as they are to things as THEY OUGHT TO BE may be accomplished without the bloodshed that has heretofore marked every change in our system of government. The red flag is the emblem of those whose mission is to preserve and ennoble life, not to tear down and destroy. And wherever it floats over a Union hall, it is an emissary of peace, proclaiming that the process of education and organization is being carried on. "Knowing this that never yet, are of truth was vainly set in the world's wide fallow."—Whittier

"Were half the power that fills the world  
With terror,  
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps  
and courts  
Given to redeem the human mind from error,  
There were no need of arsenals and forts.

Down the dark future through long generations  
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then  
cease;  
And like a bell with solemn sweet vibrations,  
I hear once more the voice of Christ say  
"Peace."

Peace! And no longer from its brazen portals  
The blast of war's great organ shakes the  
skies,  
But, beautiful as songs of the immortals,  
The holy melodies of love arise."

—Longfellow.

Let the capitalist press of Spokane rejoice that socialists are compelled to suffer the pangs of hunger while criminals feast on turkey and humming. Straws show which way

the wind blows, and all these things furnish splendid propaganda for the men and women who consider no sacrifice too great. If it shall secure to POSTERITY the blessings of Freedom, Justice and Love.

MELINDA ALEXANDER

### RESOLUTIONS BY ROSLYN MINE WORKERS.

Mr. F. R. Schleis, Editor Industrial Worker, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Would you publish in the Industrial Worker the following resolution on protest sent to Governor M. E. Hay, governor of the state of Washington, by this local union protesting against the ill-treatment of the Industrial Workers of the World of Spokane, Wash. Governor M. E. Hay.

Hon Sir:—We beg to call your attention to the inhuman treatment meted out to the members of the Industrial Workers of the World by the chief of police, police officers, prosecuting attorney, judge, and city council of the city of Spokane. Simply for speaking on the streets of Spokane 400 men have been incarcerated in the jails, school houses and military prisons where they have been subjected to the most inhuman treatment by the police and sheriffs men who are guarding them.

Some men have their eyes blinded, teeth knocked out, jaws broken and otherwise mutilated while women members of the Industrial Workers have been cast in cells with prostitutes and have been insulted by the police and the assistants while thus confined. Hundreds of men are being slowly starved to death on two days of sour bread and water.

The men are so weak they can hardly walk across the floor.

The Salvation Army and other religious organizations are allowed to speak on the streets of Spokane and are not molested by the police authorities. Why, then, should not any other organization of law abiding citizens be barred from such a privilege? We wish to call your attention to the new criminal code of the state of Washington, page 1001, chapter 243, section 352, article 5:

"No officer or person having the custody of the body or liberty of any person under arrest shall refuse permission to such arrested person to communicate with his friends or with an attorney, nor subject any person under arrest to any form of physical violence, indignation, indignity or threats for the purpose of extorting from such person incriminating statements or a confession. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The Spokane police authorities have violated this section of the law of the state of Washington, and therefore, we, the members of Local Union 2583 United Mine Workers of America, call on you to use your executive power to immediately stop the city of Spokane's authorities from continually disregarding and violating this section of the law, and also bring about an investigation of the tyrannical and brutal way the police authorities of Spokane are treating the members of the Industrial Workers of the World confined in the Spokane jails, and also the conditions physically of same members in jail there, and also the salary conditions of same jails. And we call you to bring about the liberation from the imprisonment of all these men who, to the best of our knowledge, have not committed any crime against the laws of the state of Washington or the United States of America.

Yours for Liberty,  
(Seal) MORGAN MORGANS,  
Recording Secretary  
VICTOR RADOVICH, President

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

At a Mass Meeting of the Membership of Dever County Local S. P. of Colorado.

Whereas, The officials of the city of Spokane, Wash., in their endeavor to throttle free speech and free assembly, have resorted to most inhuman and brutal tactics, and

Whereas, They have in defiance of a judicial decision declaring unconstitutional the ordinance passed by the city council against free speech, arrested, found guilty and kept confined close to 400 of our fellow workers, and

Whereas, They have openly declared their intention of violating the I. W. W. out of existence and thus antagonize the entire organized working class, and

Whereas, To carry out their nefarious purpose they have gone so far as to suppress the official organ of the I. W. W. and arrest the editors and attorneys; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Socialists of Dever, Co. in mass meeting assembled, that we extend to our fellow workers of the I. W. W. and allied organizations in Spokane, Wash., our moral support in this and all future clashes with the master class until the working class has carried the banner of Socialism over the last remnant of Capitalism and have enthroned the cooperative commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That ten dollars (\$10.00) be allowed from the county treasury to assist comrades in the present battle.

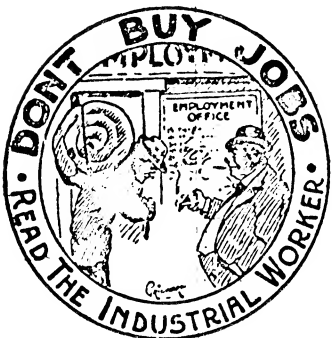
(Signed) W. P. WILLIAMS, Chairman.  
W. B. DILLON, Co. Sec. pro tem



Thanksgiving Dinner at the "Bull Pen."  
Weight of Bread, 2 1/2 Ounces.





LABOR EXCHANGE  
NEWS ITEMS

Monroe, Wash.

High Rock Logging Co. Wages \$2.25 to \$5; pay once a month; grub is fair. I. W. W. men can secure work here. Sleep in bunk house. Hospital fee \$1. Boss hires men from employment shark only when compelled.

Remarks: Three miles ride on car to work.  
R. S. L. CHINN.  
L. U. No. 432, Seattle, Wash.

Index, Wash.

Big Falls Lumber Co. Wages \$2.25 to \$4. Grub is fair; pay the 28th of every month. Sleep in bunk house. Hospital fee \$1. Boss hires men from employment shark. The pusher, Jim O'Neil, has no use for I. W. W. men.  
MEMBER L. U. No. 432, Seattle, Wash.

Maple Valley, Wash.

Maple Valley Logging Co. Wages \$2.25 to \$4.50. Pay once a month. I. W. W. men can secure work here only when it is unknown that they are members. Sleep in bunk house. Hospital fee \$1. Boss hires men from employment shark.

Remarks: Libcock fired the cook for putting up too good grub.

MEMBER No. 432,  
Seattle, Wash.

Arlington, Wash.

Ebeey Logging Co. Boss, Charles Conley. Wages \$2.25 to \$4.50. Pay the 10th of every month. Grub is rotten. I. W. W. men can secure work here. Sleep in bunk house. Hospital fee 75c. Boss hires men from employment shark and on the road.

Remarks: Work from 7 to 5 p. m.  
MEMBER LOCAL 432.

Wibberton, Wash.

Hewett Logging Co. Wages \$2.25 to \$4. Pay once a month. Grub is fair. I. W. W. men can secure work here. Sleep in bunk house. Hospital fee 50c. Hires men from employment shark.

Remarks: Cheap layout all around.  
TIM CONGLAN,  
Local No. 432.

Kent, Wash.

Calhoun Crane Logging Co. Wages \$2.25 to \$4.50. Pay the 2nd of each month. Grub is poor. Sleep outdoors. Hospital fee 75c. Hires men from employment shark.

Remarks: Hum camp.  
GEO. KETTLER,  
Local No. 432.

Fall City, Wash.

P. L. T. Logging Co. Wages \$2.25 to \$4.50. Pay once a month. Grub is fair. I. W. W. men can secure work here. Hospital fee \$1. Hire men from employment shark. Work 10 hours.

MEMBER LOCAL NO. 432.

Lochloy, Wash.

Vanderhoff & Holcom. Wages \$2.50 up. Grub is good. I. W. W. men not wanted. Sleep in bunk house in rows. Hospital fee after 5 days \$1. Hire men from employment shark.

Remarks: Good camp to stay away from.  
MEMBER LOCAL NO. 432.

A LETTER.

Comrade: Accompanying find the proceeds of a protest meeting relative to the fight you are now having at Spokane; also a P. O. money order for \$8.35, which comes from sympathizers with you, to be used in the gallant fight you are making against the cowardly, tyrannical and inhuman officials of Spokane.

We succeeded in having the proceeds of our meeting, same as sent herewith, published in two of our local papers, the first true news concerning the fight our citizens have had, but the remaining two seemed to consider it a "bad noise," for they only gave us a brief space in which they misconstrued the thing so that it read as though it were a "Socialist uprising."

Knowing you will and must win, I send you the words of the boys, "Fight to the finish; we'll stick to you."

Yours for Emancipation,  
CHAS. P. WILSON.  
Reading, Pa., 245 Miller St.

NEWS FROM WITHIN  
BY A STUDENT

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than no food at all. One prisoner refused to eat a meal if all were not fed.

Why should we be jailed and starved for demanding a constitutional right? Oh, well, I guess working men have no rights; we are living under Cesar Sullivan of the Inland Empire. Drunks were shown the greatest of courtesy when arrested many turned out same night of arrest to make room for us terrible I. W. W.'s. Drunks were given hammocks, good meals and few placed in cells; beside they received the warm cells, but never placed in hot box. We tried to attract and notify our friends on the outside of jail that we were starving by (building battleships) pounding on the steel cells with our shoes, which made a deafening noise similar to boiler-makers riveting battleships. Crowds were attracted on the outside. Judge Mann's court was disturbed—Jailer Casey, along with the Itch, got nervous prostration and took three days' lay off. Sullivan got a new attack of slugging fever and all considered, we certainly made history, while Sullivan and Mann made rebels.

Tuesday, Nov. 9th, the jail was so full—14 to 17 in each cell—and conditions so bad that an investigation on committee, fearing an epidemic breaking out, forced the so-called law and order gang to remove 80 of us to the bull pen at Franklin school house.

At 8 p. m., under heavy guard, about 50 slugs, escorted us to a cold, fireless room in the condemned school, where we had the pleasure of walking the night long to keep from freezing. No toilet, blankets or water; a bucket was furnished to urinate in. Space will not allow me to continue in detail, so the balance of my story will be on the most important persecutions.

Our first night in the school was terrible—you can guess the rest. Men were known to smoke wood, paper and horse manure. Police threatened to freeze, beat and torture to death if men did not go on rock pile. Men threatened to burn down school if wood was not furnished; soundings were burned, and so-called leaders cruelly tortured in sweatbox for 13 days. Doctor finally ordered them released, fearing death from torture. We were told that it didn't make much difference if we died, as it only cost 49c to cremate us.

We were always forewarned when an investigation committee would visit us, by extra precautions to rid the dark dungeons of filth and scatter the men around in cells, so as to make them look crowded. Sweat box would be emptied. Committee would always be rushed through and not allowed to consult prisoners for fear of us exposing the hellish conditions. When we finally broke hunger strike after seven and one-half days of fasting, we got 8 oz. stale bread morning and evening. This allowance was cut down from time to time till we got only one and three-fifths ounces morning and evening. Place above mentioned amount on scales and note quantity we received last ten days.

Refusing to work on rock pile at Fort Wright we were locked in cells at night and had to urinate through bars of cells, not even a bucket furnished. Windows were raised; wind chilled us through in our weak state. Bread caused constipation and men were known to go two weeks without passage of bowels. Just think, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Mrs. Frenett getting 90 and 100 days in these death traps. For what crime?

Did you ever see such determination for a principle? Reader, stop and think—ask yourself if there is not something to an organization when men and women will show such solidarity by sacrifice and dire tortures? What means these tortures? We all can surmise the results—suppress our press, gag our mouths, torture and persecute us in your filthy hell holes—the results will be thousands in our ranks where there are hundreds now. Eventually we will say who will fill the jails we have constructed. Justice will and must prevail to the best interest of those who usefully toil. Why are you silent, Mr. Reader, including Pulpit?

CHAS. BROWN.  
(Another Leader.)

## LIVINGSTON RESOLUTIONS.

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 10, 1909. Whereas, The conditions as now prevailing in the city of Spokane are an outrage to civilization and should not be tolerated under a government that lays claim to being the most enlightened and most free of any age up to the present. The millions of the law in that city in their subservience to the business interests have arrogated to themselves the power to tyrannize over those who would by their agitation uplift the American wage earner to a standard that would be in keeping with the needs and aspirations of a real civilization, and with full recognition of the fact that any attempt to throttle the voices of even the humblest of our citizens, when allowed to go unchallenged, tends to undermine the whole social structure; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the citizens of Livingston in mass convention assembled go on record as being unalterably opposed to the unlawful and infamous tactics pursued by the officials of Spokane, and that in retaliation for the abuses and indignities to which our fellow workers are being subjected we refuse to purchase or use any goods coming from that city while the present struggle is on; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge them our moral and financial support to the end that the fight they are waging will result in a triumph.

WHY I AM  
A UNION MAN

Because—I am not afraid to line up with my fellow workers and make an honest demand for that which is ours by heritage.

Because—I want to see every man, woman and child have plenty to eat, plenty to wear and plenty of time in which to enjoy it.

Because—I am opposed to ignorance, filth and poverty, and anxious to see knowledge, health and happiness in everyone.

Because—I am not deceitful nor narrow-minded, therefore I fully realize that by uniting rests our sole possibility of approaching even in a meager extent that which is just under the present condition of things.

Because—A union man is never disrespected by anyone, except the contemptible immoral degenerate looking for a pull, the infirm minded whose plight we mourn more than decay, and those who possess more money than manhood.

Because—I think more of an honest heart under a ragged shirt than I do of a blockhead, or an ill-famed detrimental degenerated bloated, no matter what his position, or whether he has a bank account or has not.

Because—When I pay my dues into my union I realize that I am stirring some thickening into a bowl of soup for some poor hungry woman or child.

Because—I am in favor of more bread and less brassiness; more ple and less pomp; more cozy cottages and fewer tramps and criminals; more soup and less superstition; more health and happiness and less hell and hellishness; more honest women neatly dressed and fewer foolish women overdressed; more live-loving husbands with an ambition to do an honest day's toll and fewer homeless drunks.

Because—Being unpopular with lowdown black hearted scoundrels and doughheads is a credit to me, in which I rejoice along with my manhood in not showing the white feather to my fellow workmen.

If you don't like the above you're guilty. N. B.—We are used to rebuffs. We solicit your expressions of resentment for our attitude if rendered in an unprejudiced and intelligent manner. We do not care to converse with the cancelled and foolish.

Merritt, Wash.

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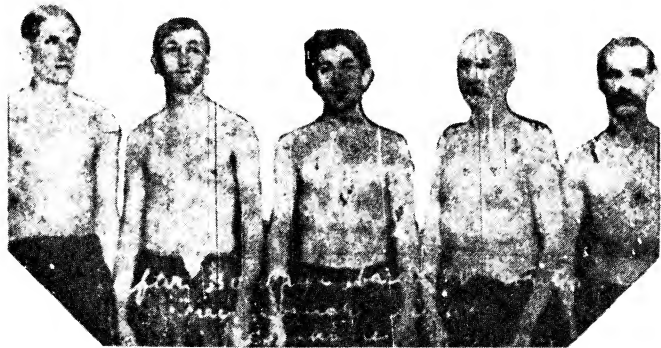
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